Present Constitution Headnotes ty-five years and at least five least five years preceding his least five years preceding years preceding his election, election, a citizen of this his election, a citizen of this a citizen of the State, to the State, to the office of Sher- State, to the office of Sheriff. office of Sheriff. He shall liff. He shall hold his office He shall hold his office for hold office for four years, for two years, and until his two years and until his sucand until his successor is successor is duly elected and cessor is duly elected and duly elected and qualified; qualified; shall be ineligible qualified; shall be ineligible shall give such bond, exer- for two years thereafter, for two years thereafter, cise such powers and perform shall give such bond, exer-shall give such bond, exer-

Law.

In case of vacancy by death, resignation, refusal to serve, or neglect to qualify, or give bond, or by disqualification or removal from the County or City, the Governor shall appoint a person to be Sheriff for the remainder of the official term.

The Sheriff in each county and in Baltimore City shall receive such salary or compensation and such expenses necessary to the conduct of his office as may be fixed by Law. All fees collected by the Sheriff shall be accounted for and paid to the Treasury of the several counties and of Baltimore City, respectively.

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be commissioned by the Gov- three years, such person which relate to the Judges, succeeding; bond with secur- and no sheriff shall be quality, to be taken every year, ified to act before the same and no sheriff shall be quali- is given. In case of death, fied to act before the same refusal, resignation, disqualbe given. In case of death, ification, or removal out of refusal, disqualification or re- the county, before the exmoval out of the county, piration of the three years, Proposed by Act of 1842, before the expiration of the the other person chosen as chapter 246. Ratified 1843. said two years, the other per- aforesaid, shall be commisson chosen as aforesaid, shall sioned by the governor to be commissioned by the Gov- execute the said office for ernor to execute the said of- the residue of the said three fice for the residue of the years, the said person giving said two years, the said per- bond with security as aforeson giving bond with secur- said, and in case of his death, ity as aforesaid. No person refusal, resignation, disqualishall be eligible to the office fication, or removal out of of sheriff but a resident of the county, before the expisuch county or city respec- ration of the said three years. tively, who shall have been the governor, with the ada citizen of this State at vice of the council, may nomleast five years preceding his inate and commission a fit election, and above the age and proper person to execute of twenty-one years. The two the said office for the resicandidates, properly quali- due of the said three years, fied, having the highest num- the said person giving bond ber of legal ballots, shall be and security as aforesaid; the sheriff of Said County, as declared duly elected for the election shall be held at the the Legislature shall by law office of sheriff for such same time and place apcounty or city, and returned pointed for the election of to the Governor, with a cer- delegates, and the justices tificate of the number of bal- there summoned to attend for the preservation of the peace shall be judges there- iff shall be elected for the of, and of the qualification City of Baltimore, by the of candidates, who shall ap-voters residing in Said City, point a clerk to take the ballots; all freemen above the age of twenty-one years, having a freehold of fifty acres of land in the county in which they offer to ballot, and residing therein, and all freemen above the age of

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votes of the qualified voters number, either of them, at all and every part of the secof said county or city, or if the discretion of the gov- ond, third, fifth, fourteenth both have an equal number, ernor, to be commissioned and forty second Sections of either of them, at the dis- by the governor for the said the Constitution and form of cretion of the Governor, to office, and having served for Government of this state, ernor for the said office, and, shall be ineligible for the place, time, and manner of having served for two years, four years next succeeding, holding the several Elections such person shall be ineligi- bond with security to be for Delegates electors of the ble for the two years next taken every year as usual. Senate, and sheriffs of the several Counties be and the same are hereby abrogated. repealed and annulled and the same shall hereafter be regulated by Law.

Sec. 1. At the next election for Sheriff, and every third year thereafter, a sheriff shall be elected by the Voters of Baltimore County, excluding the City of Baltimore, as sheriffs are now elected in other Counties of this State and shall exclusively perform the duties of sheriff within the limits of said County, excluding Baltimore City; and shall perform such duties within the City of Baltimore as shall be necessary for the proper performance of his duties as hereafter direct.

Sec. 2. At the next election for sheriff and every third year thereafter, a sherwhose duties shall be Confined to the limits of Said City, in the same manner as sheriffs are now elected for the Counties of the State.